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Application of :  
Takehiro YAMAOKA et al. :  
Serial No. 10/663,302 : Group Art Unit: 2856  
Filed: September 16, 2003 : Examiner: Daniel Sean Larkin  
For: SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPE :  
AND OPERATION METHOD : Docket No. S004-5124

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, applicants amend their application as follows:

ELECTION OF SPECIES:

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the species of invention characterized by the Examiner as Fig. 1 and submit that claims 1-5 are readable on the elected species.

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